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**Requirements for Licensure Endorsements, Rule**

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**The Background:**

Board rules pertaining to teacher licensing have been continually revised, combined or otherwise changed. In some cases, the former rules were not removed from the compilation of SBE Rules and Regulations, as posted on the Secretary of State's web site. Having these obsolete rules has caused some teacher candidates to question the requirements as presented by the Office of Teacher Licensing or the preparing Institution of Higher Education (IHE).

Rule 0520-2-4-.07 (6) describes requirements for Special Reading (K-8) and (27) is Special Reading Teacher (7-12). At the time these two rules were passed, the Office of Teacher Licensing issued these endorsements by transcript analysis (a process known as "state minimums"). This process is no longer practiced for Reading Specialist. Effective 09/01/2005, these two endorsements were phased out and replaced by the current endorsement, Reading Specialist (PreK-12). The Licensure standards for the current endorsement are listed on the "Tennessee Licensure Standards and Induction Standards" web site.

Rule 0520-2-4-.10 (8) describes requirements for Librarian. This rule states: "(Superceded by rule 0520-2-3-.21 (8) after August 31, 2000)." Since the Office of Teacher Licensing no longer does transcript analysis in order to issue this endorsement, having this rule posted only causes confusion.

**The Master Plan Connection:**

This item supports the Board's Master Plan by clearly outlining the content knowledge and pedagogical training required for teachers to be effective.

**The Recommendation:**

Board staff recommends adoption of the rule revision on final reading. Department of Education staff concurs with this recommendation.

## **Proposed Rule Revisions**

***Rule 0520-2-4.07 Requirements for Endorsements, Grades K-8, On a Teacher License*** is revised by deleting section 6) Special Reading Teacher ((K-8) in its entirety.

***Rule 0520-2-4.09 Requirements for Endorsements, Grades 7-12, On a Teacher License*** is revised by deleting section (8) Cooperative Coordinator and section (27) Special Reading Teacher (7-12) of the rule in their entirety.

***Rule 0520-2-4.10 Requirements for Endorsements, Grades K-12, On a Teacher License*** is revised by deleting section (8) Librarian, Effective until August 31, 2000. (Superceded by rule 0520-2-3-.21(8) after August 31, 2000). in its entirety.